

Communication (Army Secret No. 2130)

Dispatched from: Vice War Minister KIMURA, Heitaro

To : Each Chief of Staff Stationed in Japan
and Outside Japan.

Re : Treatment of Enemy Air Crew Members

Dated : 23 July 1942

I request you to take note and understand that the following decision was made in regard to the treatment of enemy air crew members who entered our jurisdiction with the object of raiding Japanese territory, Manchukuo and our regions of operation:

1. Those who do not violate the war-time international law shall have to be treated as POWs and those who showed actions of violating the said law shall be treated as war-time capital criminals.
2. Defense Commander-in-Chief of various places (including troops stationed in Japanese territory, outside Japan and the Governor of occupied HONG KONG) shall send for Court Martial such enemy air crew members, who entered the respective jurisdiction and are suspected of deserving treatment as war-time capital criminals. In regard to the above courts martial, the provisions of the Specially Established Court Martial stated in the Army Court Martial Law shall be applied.

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I.S.S. No. 1681

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, OYAMA, Ayao, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of Legal Research Division of the 1st Demobilization Bureau and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 28 July, 1942, and described as follows: Army Secret No. 2190, re Treatment of Enemy Air Crew Members

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Legal Affairs Investigation Section, First Demobilization Ministry

Signed at Tokyo on this
18th day of November, 1946.

/s/ OYAMA, Ayao
Signature of Official

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Witness: /s/ Kinsuke Kaneko

Chief of Legal Research Division
1st Demobilization Bureau
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, J. A. Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
19th day of November, 1946.

/s/ J. A. Curtis, 2nd Lt.
NAME

Witness: /s/ Marian A. Linkert

Investigator IPS
Official Capacity